

Erythropoietin

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Therapeutic Effect of Recombinant Human Erythropoietin on Anemia with Erythropoietin Deficiency in Early Diabetic Nephropathy

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- Abstract -

Background: We have previously reported that reduced erythropoietin (Epo) responsiveness to anemia could explain the anemia in diabetic patients before advanced diabetic nephropathy. Thus, the aim of this randomized prospective study is to investigate the therapeutic effect of recombinant human erythropoietin (rHuEpo) on anemia with Epo deficiency in early diabetic nephropathy.

Methods: Twenty-nine diabetic patients with the normocytic normochromic anemia of Epo deficiency were randomized into Epo-treatment group (n=20, M:F=8:12, mean age=52.9±9.2) and control group (n=9, M:F=4:5, mean age=53.6±12.4). Twenty patients of Epo-treatment group were treated with rHuEpo (Epokine^R (CheilJedang Co.) 4,000unit/day SC., 3 times/week) for 8 weeks. The Epo-treatment group were divided into the responder or non-responder. Patients with increments in Hemoglobin (Hb) during the follow-up duration was above 2 g/dL, or with the final Hb was above 14 g/dL in men or 13g/dL in women were decided the responder. In order to analyze factors affecting the therapeutic effects of rHuEpo, the clinical and biochemical characteristics were compared between the responder and non-responder group.

Results: There was no difference in the clinical and biochemical characteristics between the Epo-treatment and the control group at randomization. The responder

group (n=14) had significant increments in Hb, compared to the non-responder group (n=6) or the control group (13.6 ± 1.0 vs. 10.1 ± 1.5 vs 11.2 ± 1.2 g/dL, $p < 0.001$, respectively). The treatment duration of rHuEpo in the responder group was 4.9 ± 2.3 weeks. Among the Epo-treatment group, there was no differences between the responder and the non-responder group in sex, age, duration of diabetes, serum creatinine level, 24 hour urinary albumin excretion rates, HbA_{1c} , frequency or severity of microangiopathy, and serum Epo level. However, the responder group had higher serum ferritin (240.3 ± 108.4 vs 25.8 ± 3.0 μ g/L, $p < 0.05$) and transferrin saturation level (32.7 ± 7.9 vs 21.2 ± 5.3 %, $p < 0.05$).

Conclusion: These results concluded that the administration of rHuEpo could be useful in treating anemia with Epo deficiency in early diabetic nephropathy and that the degree of iron storage and functional iron deficiency might affect the therapeutic effects of rHuEpo on this type of anemia (*J Kor Diabetes Asso* 25:364 ~ 373, 2001).

Key Words: Anemia, Erythropoietin, Diabetic nephropathy, Recombinant erythropoietin

9 ~ 11) .
rHuEpo
가 12 ~ 13) .
, , 1 ~ 2) .
, , Acquired immunodeficiency
syndrome (AIDS)
14 ~ 15) .
가 3 ~ 7) .
erythropoietin (Epo) 가 3 ~ 6) .
rHuEpo
가 10 g/dL
8) , 가 .
(recombinant human erythropoietin, rHuEpo) rHuEpo
16 ~ 18) .
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1 (fibro-
blast type 1 interstitial cell)

1.

Epo 가

12 g/dL , 11 g/dL

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가 1.5 mg/dL 24

40.0 ml/min/1.73 m²

, AIDS

B12,

가 30 µg/dL ferritin 가 15 µg/L

, HDL

(total iron-binding capacity, TIBC), ferritin

(mean corpuscular volume, MCV), (mean corpuscular hemoglobin, MCH)

Transferrin saturation TIBC (%)

. 24

creatinine clearance

Epo EPO-Trac™ (DiaSorin Inc, Stillwater, Minnesota, USA) ¹²⁵I Radioimmunoassay

Epo 9.1 -30.8 mIU/mL

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1) rHuEpo

rHuEpo (Epokine®, ()

Epokine® 4000 3

8 2

14 g/dL

가 13 g/dL

Epokine® 2

, rHuEpo

2) rHuEpo

rHuEpo 8

14 g/dL, 13 g/dL 가

2 g/dL

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SPSS (Window release

10.0) , ± ,

ANOVA ,

t-test for independent samples, Chi-square

. p-value가 0.05

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Epo 20 (: =8:12), 9 (: =4:5) , Epo ,

Table 1. Clinical and Biochemical Characteristics of the two Groups

	Epo-treat	Control	p
n	20	9	
Sex (M:F)	8:12	4:5	1.000
Age (years)	53±9	53±12	0.875
Duration of diabetes	13±5	12±7	0.677
Retinopathy (n)	18	6	0.287
Nephropathy (n)	19	7	0.220
Neuropathy (n)	18	6	0.287
Serum creatinine (mg/dL)	1.2±0.2	1.1±0.3	0.153
24-h urine albumin (mg/day)	3254±2608	3209±2710	0.966
Fasting blood glucose (mg/dL)	156±55	193±71	0.141
HbA _{1c} (%)	8.9±2.3	9.4±1.3	0.489
Serum Epo conc (IU/L)	13.6±2.7	16.6±5.2	0.273

Data are n, means±SD.

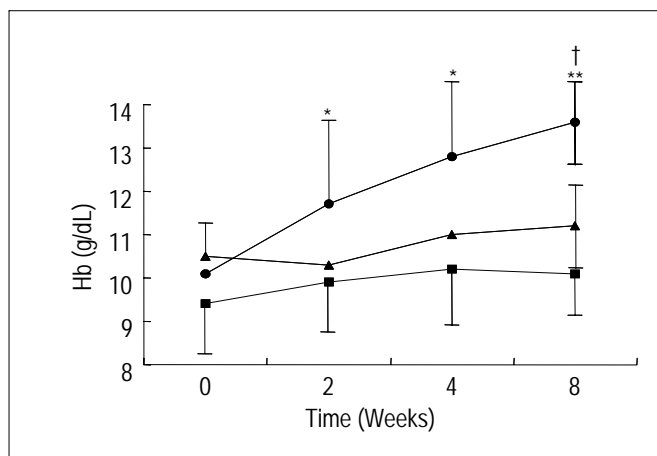


Fig. 1. Change of hemoglobin level in the Epo treatment groups (responder (●), non-responder (▲) and the control group (■)). *: p<0.05 vs. non-responder, **: p<0.001 vs. non-responder, †: p<0.01 vs. control group.

2. rHuEpo

Epo 10.6 ~ 22.4 mIU/mL (Table 1).

Epo (p=0.089, Fig. 1).

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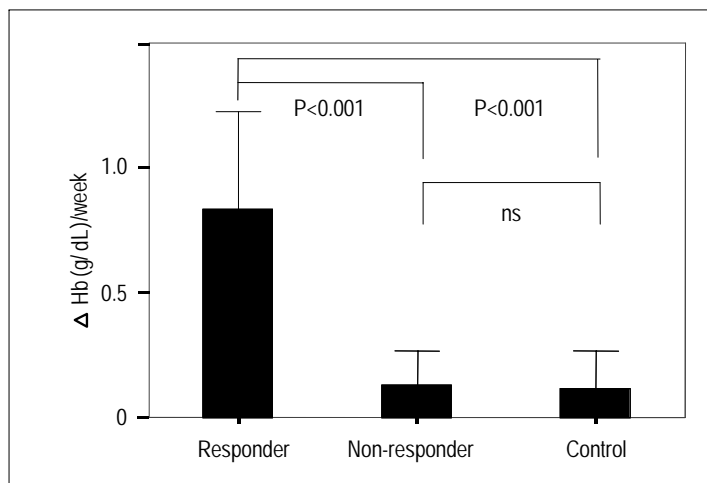


Fig. 2 Change of hemoglobin level in the Epo treatment groups and the control group.

Table 2. Clinical Characteristics between the Responder and Non-Responder Group

	Responder	Non - responder	p
n	14	6	
Duration of diabetes (years)	11±5	16±5	0.106
24 - h urine albumin excretion (mg/day)	3470±2948	2750±1673	0.586
Serum creatinine (mg/dL)	1.2±0.2	1.3±0.2	0.709
Retinopathy (n)	12	6	1.000
Nephropathy (n)	13	6	1.000
Neuropathy (n)	13	5	0.521
Pre - treatment HbA _{1c} (%)	8.6±2.1	9.3±2.9	0.556
Post - treatment HbA _{1c} (%)	8.0±2.2	7.9±1.4	0.865
MCV (fl)	91.7±5.7	87.2±3.5	0.090
MCH (pg)	31.2±2.5	29.9±1.1	0.119

Data are n, means±SD. *, p<0.05.

(p=0.004).

(p<0.001).

rHuEpo 4.9±2.3 , .

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(p=0.048), 4 8

가 (p=0.028, p<0.001).

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(Hb/week)

0.83±0.39, 0.13±0.14, 0.11±0.15

g/dL/week

(p<0.001),

가 (p=0.995, Fig. 2).

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(Table 2).

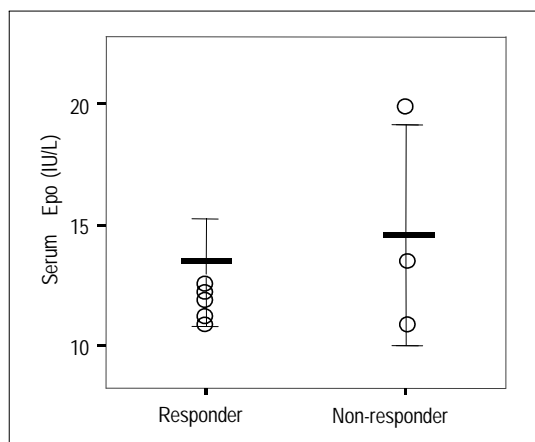


Fig. 3. Serum Epo concentration in the responder and the non- responder group.

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($p=0.090$),
가 ($p=0.119$).
Epo 13.2 \pm 2.0, 14.6 \pm 4.6
IU/L ($p=0.947$, Fig. 3).
가
(52.3 \pm 22.3, 42.3 \pm 30.0 μ g/dL, $p=0.560$),
가 (211.1 \pm
51.4, 244.3 \pm 129.0 μ g/dL, $p=0.507$, Fig. 4).
ferritin
(240.3 \pm 108.4, 25.8 \pm 3.0 μ g/L,

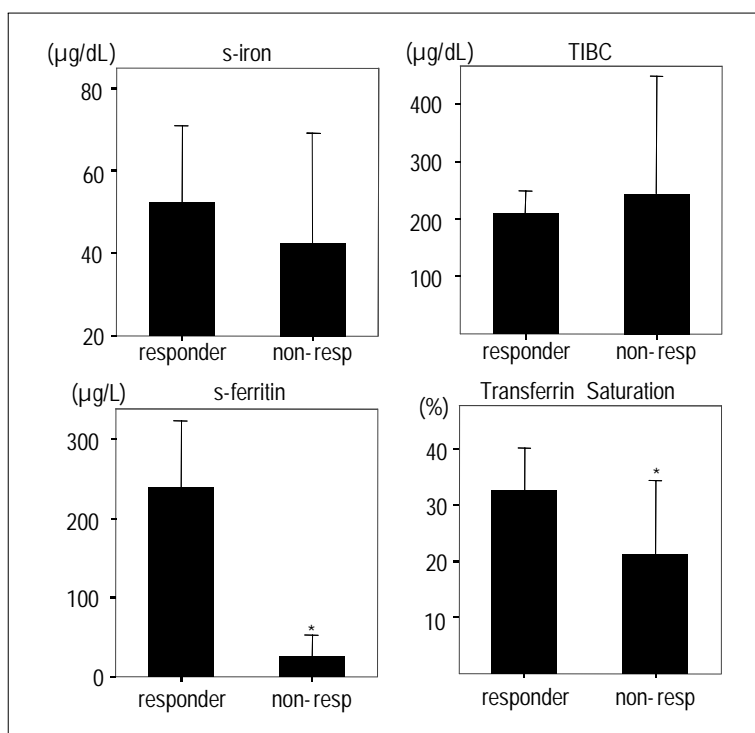


Fig. 4. Profiles of iron stores in the responder and the non-responder group. non-resp; non-responder, *, $p<0.05$.

p=0.025), transferrin saturation

(32.7±

7.9, 21.2±5.3%, p=0.045).

transferrin saturation 20%

ferritin 가 100 µg/L

rHuEpo

ferritin

transferrin saturation

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Epo

rHuEpo

rHuEpo

. 20 14 (60%)

가 8.1 11.4 g/dL , 7.9 12.7 g/dL

rHuEpo 5 (2 ~ 8)

rHuEpo

가

rHuEpo

rHuEpo

Kojima ³⁾

가

2

rHuEpo

Epo

5

rHuEpo

3,000

1,500

, Rarick ⁴⁾

4

가

6

Epoetin alfa

rHuEpo

2

4

가

4,00

3

12

가

가

5%

가

Ricerca ⁶⁾

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가 0.83±0.39 g/dL (0.3 ~ 1.4 g/dL/week)

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Epo

0.13±0.14 g/dL

rHuEpo

2 ~ 4

가 1 g/dL

9.5 g/dL

3

rHuEpo 50 ~ 60

가

가

U/kg 3

rHuEpo

Winkler ⁵⁾

1

rHuEpo

4,000

3

rHuEpo

1

60 U/kg

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rHuEpo

Cazzola ²²⁾

rHuEpo

가

200 ~ 250 U/kg/week

Winkler ⁵⁾ 75

가

U/kg/week

가

rHuEpo

(iron-

efficient erythropoiesis)

가

(true iron deficiency)¹⁹⁾

(functional or relative iron

⁴⁾ 4

Epoetin alfa 2000 U

Rarick

deficiency)²⁰⁾

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rHuEpo

4,000

Epoetin alfa

²¹⁾, Cazzola ²²⁾

transferrin

saturation

가

rHuEpo

4 ~ 6

가 . 4.9 ± 2.3 . Epo

rHuEpo , 24 , Epo

23 ~ 24) rHuEpo ,

ferritin (240.3 ± 108.4 , 25.8 ± 3.0 $\mu\text{g/L}$, $p < 0.05$)

Rarick ⁴⁾ Epoetin alfa 1 ~ 2 transferrin saturation (32.7 ± 7.9 , $21.2 \pm 5.3\%$, $p < 0.05$)

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rHuEpo , rHuEpo

rHuEpo ,

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(Epokine[®])

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Epo

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Epo rHuEpo

: 29 Epo 가

Epo (: =8:12, 52.9 ± 9.2)

(: =4:5, 53.6 ± 12.4)

. Epo rHuEpo (Epokine^R,

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가 2 g/dL 가 14 g/dL,

13 g/dL

: Epo

(n=14)

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(13.6 ± 1.0 , 10.1 ± 1.5 , 11.2 ± 1.2 g/dL, $p < 0.01$). rHuEpo

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